# Canadian Folk Festival Directory

We try to produce a listing of all festivals in Canada with significant traditional music content, with as much information on them as possible given our space constraints, but realistically we fall short of our goal. Some festivals we don't know about, some don't respond, some have personnel changes and we lose touch. We get information from other agencies, but these vary widely in the amount and kind of information they give us. In particular, some provincial tourist bureaus don't make their

events lists available until March, too late for us to include the information in our March issue.

Please let us know about festivals which should be included and aren't. Also, we're still looking for people to help out with compiling the directory. If you have a flat-rate long distance phone plan, or Internet access and time on your hands, and want to help out, we'd be happy to share the load.

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# ALBERTA

Dept. of Economic Development & Tourism, 307 Legislature Blds.. Edmonton AB TSK 2B6

Alberta Arts Festivals Assn., 601 - 10136 100 St. NW, Edmonton. AB TSJ 0P1: 1-888-878-3378: <artfests@compusmart.ab.ca>; <www.discoveralberta.com/artfests>

September 2, 2000
CALGARY HIGHLAND GAMES. Shouldice Athletic Park, Calgary Norma Siegle, 236 Edenwold Dr. NW, Calgary, AB T3A 3S3 (403) 241-2368 (res.); 241-5709 (fax);

<ctimages@cadvision.com>; < www.calgaryhighlandgames.org>
"The brute strength of the caber toss, the melody of the Great Highland Bagpipes and 300 Highland dancers. Celtic trinkets, tapes and clothing. 20 bands in unison." Since 1927.

September 2 and 3, 2000 CANMORE HIGHLAND GAMES. Centenial Park, Canmore

Three Sisters Scottish Festival Soc., Canmore Scottish Games, Box 8102, Canmore, AB T1W 2T8;(403) 678-9454; 678-3385 (fax); <chg@telusplanet.net>;

< www, discovercanmore.com/highlandgames > . Since 1991.

September 2 to 4, 2000 OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST. Athabasca (780) 675-4878

September 30 and October 1, 2000
CELEBRATION OF NATIONS FESTIVAL. Various venues in Edmonton. 4667 126 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5A 4L1 (780) 473-0905; 478-5621 (fax)

"A multicultural festival where you can visit many cultures in one weekend. Pavilions located throughout the city of Edmonton offer ethnic foods, music and dance and cultural displays,"

October 13 to 15, 2000
DREAMCATCHER 2000 ABORIGINAL YOUTH CONFERENCE.
Edimonton. (780) 497-5188; <dreamcatcher.gmcc.ab.ca>

January 19 to 21, 2001 NAPI POWWOW. Napi Friendship Centre, Pincher Creek (403) 627-4224

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Tourism British Columbia, 1117 Wharf St., Victoria, BC V8W 222; 1-800-663-6000

September 2000 (tba)
FRIENDSHIP BBQ. Kelowna
(250) 763-4905. Includes First Nations drumming and dance.

September 1 to 3, 2000

CHILLIWACK BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL. Antique Powerland, Chilliwack. Rod Hudson, 45889 Henderson Ave., Chilliwack, BC V2P 2X6. (604) 792-2069 (bus.); 792-2640 (fax)

\*A traditional bluegrass festival with seven top bands, workshops, contests, open mic and activities for children. Free corn roast every night.\* Since 1987.

September 1 to 3, 2000 KIMBERLEY INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE OKTOBERFEST. Platzi, Kimberley. (250) 427-3666

September 2 and 3, 2000 SUNSHINE FOLKFEST. Palm Beach, Port Alberni (604) 487-4107; < folks@sunshinemusicfest.com>

September 2 to 4, 2000 VANCOUVER ISLAND BREWERY BLUES BASH. Various venues in Victoria. Scott McKay, 1-888-671-2112; (250) 388-4423; < vicjazz@pacificcoast.net>

September 3, 2000 CARIBBEAN SUMMER JAM FESTIVAL. Squamish (604) 892-8248; <vertreal@yahoo.com>

September 6, 2000 MID-AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical

Chinese Garden, Vancouver.

Erika Korstrom (Marketing Co-ordinator), 578 Carrall St.,

Vancouver, BC V6B 5K2. (604) 662-3207 (bus.); 682-4008 (fax);

< sunyatsen@telus.net >; < www.discovervancouver.com/sun>

"The most romantic outdoor Chinese cultural celebration, the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is a time to suther and enjoy the fullness of

"The most romamic outdoor Chinese cultural celebration, the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is a time to gather and enjoy the fullness of the moon, the Chinese symbol for familial harmony and unity. Storytelling, live music and moon cakes. Admission free." Since 1991.

September 8 to 10, 2000 B.C. BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Midway. Richard Cannon, P.O. Box 113, Fraser Lake, BC VOI 1SO. (250) 699-8535

September 8 to 10, 2000 CHIEF NESKONLITH TRADITIONAL POW WOW. Chase (250) 679-3295; < sharonse@xageserve.com >

September 15 and 16, 2000 WHISTLER JAZZ & BLUES WEEKEND. Whistler (604) 932-3938

September 17, 2000 WHONNOCK LAKE DAY FOLK FESTIVAL. Whonnock Lake Centre, Maple Ridge. (604) 462-8421

September 23, 2000 OKTOBERFEST. IPE Fairgrounds, Armstrong Dick Lonsdale (250) 946-936!

September 29 to October 1, 2000
SALMON ARM ROOTS & BLUES FESTIVAL. Various venues in Salmon Arm. Linda Tanaka, Box 21, Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 4N2 (250) 832-6148 (bus. & fax); < folk@jetstream.net>; < www.sunwave.net/"sspence>

\*A weekend indoor festival where a broad range of Canadian and international performers meet, featuring concerts, dances, improptu sessions, workshops, food, merchandise, crafts.\* Since 1991.

September 30, 2000
EDELWEISS SOCIETY OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATIONS.
Recreation Centre, Vernon. (250) 542-3065

September 30, 2000 OKTOBERFEST. Blue River

October 14, 2000 OKTOBERFEST. Various venues in Whistler (604) 932-2394

October 14, 2000 OKTOBERFEST. Williams Lake

October 20 and 21, 2000 OKTOBERFEST. Athletic Hall, Port Alberni (250) 724-5886

October 21, 2000 OKTOBERFEST. Various venues in Kelowna

October 21 and 22, 2000
CLUCULZ LAKE BLUEGRASS COUNTRY JAMBOREE.
Community Hall, Cluculz Lake
Cluculz Lake Community Recreation Committee, RR#1, Site 16,
Comp. 20, Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0. (250) 441-3365

October 21 to 23, 2000 GATHERING OUR DANCERS POW WOW. 100 Mile House Lyle John Archie, (250) 395-2461, ext. 213; < www.geocities.com/brave\_26/Pow-Wow.html>

November 2000 (tba)
VANCOUVER STOR YTELLING FESTIVAL. Roundhouse Community Centre, Vancouver. (604) 876-2272. Since 1992.

November 2000 (tba)
WEST MOBERLY FIRST NATIONS DAYS. Moberly Lake (250) 788-3663

November 10 to 12, 2000 REMEMBRANCE DAY POW-WOW. Kumsheen Secondary School, Lytton. (250) 455-2523

November 20 and 21, 2000 MEDIEVAL FAIR. Columneetza Secondary School, Williams Lake (250) 392-1103

## **MANITOBA**

Travel Manitoba, 700-155 Carleton St., Winnipeg, MB R3C 3H8; 1-800-665-0040, ext. AC6; www.travelmanitoba.com

September 2 and 3, 2000 WAYWAYSEECAPPO FIRST NATION ROUNDUP. Waywayseecaopo. (204) 859-2743; 637-3068 Rodeo includes Native cultural events.

September 2 and 3, 2000 ALL NATIONS DAYS. St-Laurent (204) 646-2615. Includes multicultural entertainment.

September 3, 2000 HARVEST CELEBRATION CORN ROAST. Riel House National Historic Site. (204) 257-1783 Includes traditional Métis dance and music.

September 9 and 10, 2000 MARAIS EN FRANÇAIS. Oak Hammock Marsh (204) 467-3300. Celebration of Manitoba's French heritage. September 10, 2000

FUR TRADERS' RENDEZVOUS. Fort Dauphin Museum, Dauphin (204) 638-6630. Includes fiddlers' jamboree.

September 4 to 23, 2000 OKTOBERFEST. Convention Centre, Winnipeg (204) 956-1720

September 23, 2000 BIG M POLKAFEST. Big M Centre, Morris (204) 746-2832

October 6 to 8, 2000 MIAMI FUN & FIDDLE FESTIVAL. Miami Lynda Pritchard, (204) 435-2272 or 343-2047

October 6 to 8, 2000 HOOF 'N' HOLLER DAYS. Ste-Rose du Lac (204) 447-2154. Includes fiddling and jigging contest.

October 8, 2000 OKTOBERFEST. Churchill (204) 675-2022

October 21, 2000
RED RIVER CELTIC FESTIVAL. Centre culturel franco-manitobain, Winnipeg (2004) 231-0213

"Workshops, demonstrations, music, dance, Celtic trade fair, food, drink, ceilidh at 8:00 p.m., Celtic bands, Irish dance, pipe bands."

February 16 to 18, 2000
WINNIPEG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL. Convention Centre, Winnipeg
Elaine Douglas (Co-ordinator), 577 McMeans Ave. E, Winnipeg,
MB R2C 0X8. (204) 224-0032; <edouglas@city.winnipeg.mb.ca>

#### **NEW BRUNSWICK**

Tourism New Brunswick, Dept. 339, P.O. Bax 12345, Fredriction, N.B. E3B 5C3; <nbtourism@gav.nb.ca>; <www.tourismnbcanada.com>

September 13 to 17, 2000 HARVEST JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL. Fredricton 1-888-622-5837; (506) 454-2583

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

Tourism Nova Scotia, P.O. Box 130, Halifax, NS B3J 2M7; 1-800-565-0000; < www.explore.gov.nc.cs/rfi.ham >

October 6 to 14, 2000
CELTIC COLOURS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL. Various communities throughout Cape Breton
Deanna Ferguson, P.O. Boy 9, Baddeck, NS BOE 1BO
(902) 295-1414; 295-2912 (fax); < colours@chatsubo.com>;
< www.chatsubo.com/colours>. Since 1997.

## NUNAVUT

Nunavut Tourism, P.O. Box 1450, Iqaluit, NV XOC 0H0 1-800-491-7910; < nunatour@nunanet.com > ; < www.nunatour.nt.calfestivals.html >

Exact dates are not always given, or are subject to change—calling the organizers to verify before heading for a Northern community is a good idea. We are assuming that cultural events in First Nations communities will include traditional music.

September 5, 2000 HAMLET DAY. Arviat Recreation Coordinator, Hamlet of Arviat (867) 857-2841 Includes square dancing.

Mid-September 2000 UQSHUQTUUQ MUSIC FESTIVAL. Gjoa Haven Hamlet of Gjoa Haven (867) 360-7141 'Join musicians from across the Kitikmeot as they perform in this event. Fun-filled, entertaining weekend."

## **ONTARIO**

Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Recreation, 77 Bloor St. W,
Toronto, ON M7A 2R9; < www.travelinx.com/event.htm>
Ontario Canada Tourism, 1-800-ONTARIO (668-2746);
< www.2ontario.com>

Ontario Council of Folk Festivals, P.O. Box 882, Peterborough, ON K9J 7A2; < ocff@icomm.ca>; < www.icomm.ca/ocff>

September 2 and 3, 2000

CELTIC FESTIVAL AT FORT HENRY. Old Fort Heary, Wolfe Island. 1-800-437-2233; (613) 542-7388. Since 1990.

September 9 and 10, 2000

SIX NATIONS FALL FAIR POW WOW. Oshweken
Cecelia Sky-Smith, (519) 445-4072; Six Nations Agricultural
Society, (519) 445-0783; Kelly Henhawk, < KLH 3@canda.com >

September 15, 2000

OLD TYME FIDDLERS CONTEST. Community Centre, Aberfoyle. Michael Weinstein, c/o Aberfoyle Agricultural Society, RR#1, Puslinch, ON NOB 2JO. (519) 787-2089 (res.); 787-5410 (bus.); 787-5410 (fax); < wcbmaster@weinstein.ca>;

< www.weinstein.ca/aas >

"Annual fiddle contest with categories for young and not so young!"

September 15 to 17, 2000

OWEN SOUND CELTIC FESTIVAL. OSCVI Auditorium, Owen Sound, Sandra Murray, 808 2nd Ave. East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4, (519) 376-1440. Since 1999.

September 16, 2000

ROYAL MEDIEVAL FAIRE. Waterloo Park West, Waterloo Royal Medieval Faire, c/o City of Waterloo, 100 Regina St. S, Waterloo, ON N21 4A8. (519) 747-8788 (bus.); 747-0157 (fax); <info@royalmedievalfaire.org>; <www.royalmedievalfaire.org> "Knights in battle, wizards, jesters, minstrels, King's Tavern, ceili, merchants, medieval games, two festival stages, splendid costumes, enthralling characters in an intriguing story." Since 1998.

September 22 to 24, 2000

GREAT NORTHERN FIDDLE & STEP DANCE CONTEST. Great Northern Exhibition, near Collingwood

Jim Kinnear, Box 100, Nottawa, ON LOM 1PO

(705) 444-1334 (res.); 444-0875 (bus.); <jkinnear@pianoguy.com>; <pianoguy.com/gne>

"The annual fiddle contest has recently included step dancing, and attracts competitors from across the province. With classes for all ages, the top prize in the Open Class is the Townsend Memorial Trophy, won in 1999 for the first time by James Bickle."

October 6 to 14, 2000

OKTOBERFEST. Continental German Canadian Club, Cambridge (519) 653-1781

October 7 to 9, 2000

OKTOBERFEST. Catstone Farm, Plantagenet

(613) 673-5817; 673-4151 (fax)

Includes German cultural events and Aboriginal Harvest Ceremony.

October 28 to 30, 2000

ONTARIO COUNCIL OF FOLK FESTIVALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Holiday Inn Conference Centre, Barrie

Judy Wilson, Box B23, RR#1, Sauble Beach, ON NOH 2G0 (519) 422-3696 (bus.); 422-3696 (fax); <ocff@icomm.ca>; <www.ocff.icomm.ca>

"A key event for the folk and roots community. A weekend of discussion, exchange, networking and fun for festival organizers, fundraisers, musicians, artistic directors, media representatives and others important to the vitality of the folk. Speakers, seminars, roundables, informal meetings, performer showcases and jam sessions. The winners of the annual Songs from the Heart Songwriter Awards will present showcases on Saturday evening. Early bird registration offer and the member's discount on conference registration." Since 1987.

November 23 to 26, 2000

CANADIAN ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL. Skydome, Toronto Canadian Aboriginal Festival, 10 Woodway Trail, Brantford, Ont. N3R 526. (591) 751-0040; 751-2790 (fax);

<canabfestival@home.com>; <www.canab.com>

March 25, 200

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM CELTIC CELEBRATION. Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. Ian G. McGregor, c/o Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M5S 2C6. (416) 586-5797; 586-5743 (fax). Since 1996.

May 18 and 19, 2001

PRINCE EDWARD HIGHLAND GAMES. Fairgrounds, Picton Roger St. Jean (Secretary), P.O. Box 2499, Picton, ON KOK 2TO (613) 476-6043; 476-4369 (fax); per@connect.reach.net>;

< www.pec.on.ca/celtic/>. Since 1996.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Department of Economic Development and Tourism, 4th Floor, Shaw Building, Box 2000, Charlottetown, Pl C1A 7N8; < www2.gov.pei.cal/vg/search/index.asp >

August 31 to September 3, 2000 FESTIVAL OF THE FATHERS. Charlottetown (902) 629-1784. Includes Maritimes ceilidh.

September 1 to 3, 2000

EVANGELINE AREA ACADIAN FESTIVAL. Wellington Box 37, Wellington, P.E.I.COB 2EO (902) 854-2324

September 14 to 17, 2000

P.E.I. STORYTELLING FESTIVAL. Various venues island-wide (902) 892-8355

"Storytellers from around the world. Workshops and Sunday night gala—one of the largest storytelling festivals anywhere!"

September 16, 2000

COME TO THE CEILIDH. Confederation Centre of the Arts, Charlottetown. Lex Pate (Events Coordinator), College of Piping, 619 Water St., Summerside, PI C1N 418 (902) 436-5377 (bus.); 436-4930 (fax); <le>Lex@piping.pe.ca>; < www.piping.pe.ca>; Piping, Highland and step dancing and Gaelic singing, guided tours, and our unique Celtic gift and highland supply outlet. Since 1995.

# **QUEBEC**

Tourism Québec. 1010, rue Ste-Catherine Ouest, bureau 430 Montréal, QC H3B 1G2

Ministry of Culture & Communications,

< www.mcc.gouv.qc.ca>

Conseil queois du patrimoine vivant, c.p. 1442, Québec, QWC GIK 7G7

Thiry Below---Trene Sous Zéro, 1108, rue Dollard, Val-Bélair, QC G3K IW6; (418) 847-9815; < thritybe@qbc.clic.net>; < www.qbc.clic.net/"thritybe>

September 2000 (t.b.a.)

FESTIVAL DES VIOLONS DE L'AMÉRIQUE. Valleyfield Alcide Latour, 75, St-Jean Baptiste, Salaberry de Valleyfield, QC J6T 1Z6; (514) 370-4390; 370-4888 (fax).

September 1 to 4, 2000

CARREFOUR MONDIALE DE L'ACCORDÉON. Montmagny (418) 248-7927 (phone & fax); <accordeo@globetrotter.qc.ca>

September 9 and 10, 2000

October 2000

FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DES ARTS TRADITIONNELS.
Centre de valorisation du patrimoine vivant, Québec
(418) 647-5935; <cvpv@videotron.ca>;
<http://pages.infinit.net/cvpv/fia>. Since 1991.

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange Society, 2431 8th Ave., Regina, SK S4R 5J7

Tourism Saskatchewan, 1922 Park St., Regina, SK S4P 3V7; 1-877-237-2273; < travel.info@sasktourism.com>; < www.sasktourism.com>

September 1 to 3, 2000

MÉTIS FALL FESTIVAL. Prince Albert Louis Dorion, Box 1480, Prince Albert, SK S6V 5T1

(306) 922-1998

\*Cultural event featuring jigging, fiddling, square dancing, dances, king and queen trapper demonstrations, concessions, arts and craft

booths, children's events, talent contest, cultural variety show."

September 11 to 17, 2000 TREATY FOUR GATHERING. Fort Qu'Appelle Heather Lefoy, Box 178, Lebret, SK SOG 2YO (306) 332-1874; 332-1811 (fax) Includes round dance and powwow.

September 15 to 17, 2000

COWBOY POETRY GATHERING & WESTERN ART SHOW. Maple Creek, Sally Douglas, Box 1504, Maple Creek, SK SON 1NO (306) 662-2434; 662-4359 (fax)

"Three days of pickin', singin' and recitin'. Western Canada's finest cowboy gear artisans. Art auction, poetry sessions, evening programs, cowboy church service. Held in conjunction with Cypress Hills Registered Horse Breeders Production Sale." Since 1990.

September 22 to 24, 2000

SASKATOON POLKA FEST. Saskatoon

Jeanne Remenda, 102 - 135 Robin Cres., Saskatoon, SK S7L 6M3 (306) 652-9111; 652-9112 (fax)

"Continuous music, food and refreshments. Three popular polka bands, prizes and fun. Advance tickets available. Polka mass (folk mass), pancake breakfast." Since 1991.

September 29 and 30, 2000

WESTERN CANADIAN AMATEUR OLD TYME FIDDLING COMPETITION. Swift Current

Alvina Kantrud, Box 2406, Swift Current, SK S9H 4X7 (306) 773-9055

"Participants from western Canada and the US compete in this fiddling championship, sponsored by Swift Current Old Tyme Fiddlers."

September 30 and October 1, 2000 TAPESTRAMA, Prince Albert

Marge Nainaar, 17 - 11th St W, Prince Albert, SK S6V 3A8 (306) 922-0405; 764-4880

"Art, music and dance. 20 ethnic food booths, ethnic language booths, demonstrations, workshops and historical displays."

October 14 to 21, 2000 OKTOBERFEST. Humboldt Amy Irwin, Box 1137, Humboldt, SK SOK 2A0 1-877-277-6748; (306) 682-2597; 682-5577 (fax)

November 18, 2000 ITUNA TRADE FAIR. Ituna Lawrence Skoretz, Box 580, Ituna, SK SOA 1NO (306) 795-2272 Includes Ukrainian dancine.

November 19, 2000

VESELKA UKRAINIAN CELEBRATION. Prince Albert Elmer Malec, 437 24th St E, Prince Albert, SK S6V 1R9 (306) 763-2396

"Saskatchewan gospel performers. Arts and craft tables."

"Family entertainment, traditional music, dancing, singing, banquet and dance, Ukrainian foods, fresh bread baked in clay oven."

November 24, 2000 GOSPEL JAMBOREE. Melfort Fran Murray, Box 1672, Melfort, SK S0E 1A0 (306) 752-3058

March 1 to 3, 2001 MID-WINTER CELTIC FESTIVAL. Regina (306) 586-4900

## **CAMPS AND COURSES**

August 20 to September 1, 2000

B.C. BLUEGRASS WORKSHOP. Sorrento Centre, Shuswap Lake, B.C. Jay Buckwold, #300, 1668 Alberni St., Vancouver, BC V6G 1A6. (604) 737-0270

September 29 to October 1, 2000

CHEHALIS DANCE CAMP. Camp Elphinstone, near Gibsons Landing, B.C. Camp Chehalis, c/o 216-1155 Dufferin St., Coquitlam, BC V3B 7K2. Shelagh Maguire (604) 944-3056 (res.); < shelaghm@direct.ca>; < www.vcn.bc.ca/vcountry>

\*An out-of-town weekend dance camp, featuring a form of country dance called contradance, taught by a caller (like square dancing) and done to live traditional fiddle music. Beginners, couples, singles, all are welcome; no membership required. Workshops are given in other dance forms, musical instruments, and related areas. Since 1988.

... Of the next song, I subjoin the music. It seems to have been composed on a young American (a Long-knife) who made love to a Chippewa girl (Ojibway quaince).

## OJIBWAY QUAINCE.





We ah, bem, ah dè,

We mah jah need dè,

We ne moo, sha yun

We yà, yà hah hà! we yà yà hah hà!

O mow we mah ne

We mah jah need dè,

O jib way quaince un nè,

We yà, yà hah hà! we yà yà hah hà!

Kah ween, goo shah, ween nè,

Keesh wan zhe e we ye

O gah, mah we mah zeen.

We yà, yà hah yà! we yà yà hah hà!

The literal meaning of the song, without the perpetual repetitions and transpositions, is just this:

Hah! what is the matter with the young Long-knife? he crosses the river with tears in his eyes. He sees the young Chippewa girl preparing to leave the place; he sobs for his sweetheart because she is going away, but he will not sigh for her long: as soon as she is out of sight he will forget her!

-Anna Brownell Jameson

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, the cover photo (courtesy of the Glenbow, Calgary) documents a moment of imaginary time travel; your editors (JL on banjo, GWL on button accordion) returned to those thrilling days of yesteryear to help Wilf Carter out as he entertained the ladies 'way up in the Rockies. Party afterwards wasn't bad, either. (But don't tell our wives!)

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